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First Named Inventor	James H. Mabe
Art Unit	3676
Examiner Name	Mark A. Williams
Attorney Docket Number	7784-000704US

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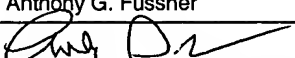
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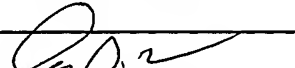
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Applicant: James H. Mabe  
Group Art Unit: 3676  
Examiner: Mark A. Williams  
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MEMORY ALLOY (SMA) HINGE PIN ACTUATOR AND METHODS  
OF MAKING TWO-WAY SMA PARTS  
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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION AND**  
**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

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Applicant hereby requests continued examination of the above-identified application under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and submits this amendment. Please continue the examination of the above-identified application, amend the application as follows, and consider the remarks set forth below.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 6 of this paper,

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.